Capital City Capers

The News Organ of the Capital City Squares

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Through the Fog with Capital City Squares!

Fog, rain, sun, cold, overcast — it's winter in Sacramento with a bit more variety than usual. But Capital City Squares is alive and well and very busy with classes and special events. It behooves us all to take advantage of as many of these activities as we can afford and for which we have the stamina if for no other reason than to relieve the boredom of a Sacramento winter.

Your board of directors have planned quite a few events to see you all into spring and beyond. By participating in them, you can improve your dancing and have a lot of fun.

A case in point would be the Wednesday night fun dances. This is a perfect time to gain control over those new calls you just learned in class and for club members to become better acquainted. Try to make an effort to attend. These fun nights are an invaluable extra that your dues pay for. Take advantage of them.

Plus class members and dancers will be happy to learn that Prime 8's is holding a Plus dance on February 24th. See the flyer in this issue.

In March comes Western Star Dancers' 8th Anniversary dance on the 17th for class and plus level dancers. This dance could be an excellent prelude to Vancouver. CCS should make a concentrated effort to show up in force for WSD's dance. They are very supportive of our activities.

In other words, check out the calendar, the flyers, and get with it and have fun!

Upcoming Events

CCS/Prime 8's Workshops, Potluck, and Hoedown	February 10
Tinseltown's Flip Your Diamonds Fly–In	February 16–18
The Spanish Fly–In, Puddletown Dancers, Seattle	February 16–18
Prime 8's Advanced Workshops and Plus Dance with Harlan Kerr	February 24
Western Star Dancers' 8th Anniversary Dance with Paul Marcum	March 17
Swing Thru Portland	April 6–8
Move On To Seattle	April 9–11
Northstar Promenade in Vancouver, B.C.	April 12–15
CCS Russian River Retreat	April 27–29
CCS Graduation Workshops and Hoedown	June 9



Did we have fun or what?! Think we had a good time? The hoedown/potluck/workshops this Saturday (the 10th) went well, to say the least. I want to take this opportunity to thank each and every one of you for making it the grand success it was! Quite a number showed up — with four (more than!) squares for the Mainstream Workshop and nearly two for the A–1, the day got off to a merry start, and then eight squares dancing their little hearts out really made for a great evening. Everyone had a simply marvelous time. Thanks, too, to those from out of town who journeyed from as far away as Eureka for the day! The bay area was well represented. Thanks for joining us! Jet Roberts, one of our local callers, was very well received, and he had a great time as well. Again, thanks to everyone who attended!! A footnote to this: Please remember that we are planning another of these for the 9th of June, as a "Prelude to Summer." Plan to attend — it'll be just as much fun.

Well, Vancouver looms closer! Your registration form oughta be in the mail fast, if it ain't a'ready. Keep in mind that the hotel opens the rooms (reserved for the convention) to the public as of March 1 —don't delay another moment in this! We want everyone to attend this convention; there are a number of means being employed to get there — some plan to fly, others are going to drive up and take in Portland and Seattle on the way — both those cities are lots of fun and will be exciting preludes (warmups) to the Convention itself. Don't miss any of these golden opportunities to "dance your way north" f'r'eavensake. That week (April 7–15) is going to be one heck of an event(s). And don't forget that the word is circulating around that you'll need more than a driver's license to get across the border — things are tightening up (at the border, you perverts!) so you might consider renewing that passport or digging out that voter's registration real soon. So dancers, (and taws & "widows") get busy and get those plans finalized! We are gonna have SO MUCH FUN!!

Our annual retreat is also shaping up pretty well. We are again going to be at Fife's in Guerneville Friday, April 27th through Sunday (noonish), April 29th. Anytime after about 3 p.m. on Friday is fine. We have the "single" cabins reserved (scheduled at two to a room) and the price is $55 per person for the weekend. That price covers room and dancing — food is up to you. (Last year, a number of folks brought in coolers with everything from soup to full dinners to LIBATIONS. The restaurant and bar at Fife's will be open as well...) Please set your schedules to include this. In spite of the fact that this is a mere two weeks after convention, you'll really be glad you reserved a spot — just ask anyone who went last year! This really is a highlight of the club's activities and is well worth the time and $$ involved. So plan to be there — don't miss it! (A deposit of $25 by March 15th, please.)

Shirts and badges are in the works — anyone who hasn't been put on the list for either, PLEASE let someone on the board know soonest (like NOW). We gotta get them all ordered well in advance of the Convention so you'll have them in time....

Hey, I gotta tell you how proud I am of you people! This year's classes are going great guns. There seems to be a lot of excitement about square dancing, about getting involved in more than just the steps on the floor, about becoming more a part of the whole organization. With this class and the people returning from previous years, I really am excited about the future of the Club. The enthusiasm is catching; you seem to pick up the new steps at an amazing pace, and I am really glad to be working with you. Keep up the good work; you're doin' great. Thanks for being a part of this. The hard work you've put into this, not to mention that of our long–suffering teachers, Karl and Kris (with Robin filling in admirably as needed!), is paying off. We're here to have a good time, as well as learn; mostly, we seem to be doing that. It's good to be here with you, and this is maudlin enough!

Have fun, have patience, and have a heart: HAPPY VALENTINE'S DAY!! Thanks, one and all.

See ya dancin'

—George



February Board Meeting Minutes

February 7, 1990

The Meeting was held at Kenric's house. Those in attendance were Kenric, Karl, George, Bill, Rick, Mary Jo, Kris, and Cindy. We started at 7:10 p.m.

Karl reported on the sound system. It looks as though it will cost about $2,300. I should be the last system the club will ever need. The board agreed to the extra $300 in cost. (The club's current bank balance is $3, 255.)

George will be putting a deposit down on a hall for our New Beginners' Hoedown (August 25). He will try to book Coloma Center or Clunie Center.

Kenric reported that he has been able to help some people get together for Vancouver. He is still willing to help people make room arrangements.

George gave us an update about our club retreat. We will have to book Fife's for it. They are requiring that we take/pay for 29 cabins. The rate for these cabin's will be $40 / night plus tax. Based upon this cost and the cost of the caller (Harlan Kerr), it was decided that we charge $55 / person for the weekend. This fee will cover the room and caller costs. We set a deadline of March 15th for a reservations with a $25 deposit. The remaining $30 will be due no later than April 24.

Kenric reported that David Levy is getting cost estimates for silk screening our new club banner.

Karl is starting to make plans for the class' "transition to mainstream" celebration. He believes they will be ready by the first Tuesday in March. Kenric was sworn to secrecy.

With no further business to discuss, the meeting was adjourned at 8 p.m. The next meeting will be held at Rick and Rich's (in Folsom ... Have Board, will travel!) the first Wednesday of March.

Respectfully submitted,

— Cindy Sullivan

And

for those who missed the handout:

January Board Meeting Minutes

January 3, 1990

The meeting was held at Mary Jo's home in Roseville. Those who found their way there were Kenric, Bill, Karl, George, Kris, Cindy, and Mary Jo. The meeting started at 6:55 p.m.

George began with a quick report about the club retreat at the end of April at Fife's. He believes we could have the Woods instead. (The dance floor is bigger.) He was not able to get any prices for the rooms. We are planning on Harlan to do the calling if he is available. The board decided to ask for a $20 deposit from all who are planning on attending. This will be due by January 31. The total cost per dancer will be determined as soon as we have established room rates and caller costs.

The club received a very nice "thank you" from the Children's Receiving Home for our $300 donation in Joel and Roy's names.

We are still planning to have a hoedown with afternoon workshops on February 10. Karl will get in touch with Jet Roberts to see if he will call for us. If we decide to have an Advance level workshop, we will ask Prime 8's to help pay for it.

After a brief discussion on how to do the new banner, it was decided to have Kenric (he volunteered) get in touch with David Levy. We would appreciate it if he would get bids for it.

Kenric also volunteered to head a "Vancouver Connection" for club members going to the convention. He will help those people get in touch with each other for travel and rooming arrangements.

Speaking of the convention, George will write a letter to the planning committee to help make sure there will be a Basic level workshop.

Karl reported that he believes the club should purchase the Hilton 300 sound system. He needs to listen to it, using the different microphones before a final cost determination can be made. He estimates the cost will be between $1,700 and $2,000.

Mary Jo reported that the club as about $2, 600 in the bank. Karl said he will try to the new system before we spend all this money!

Planning ahead, George asked if we wanted the Beginners' Hoedown the last weekend in August at Clunie Center. We said, "Sure!" He will try to book it now.

Lastly, Mary Jo will arrange for flowers from the club to be sent to Joel and Roy's memorial service.

The meeting was adjourned at 8:50 p.m. The next meeting will be held at Kenric's house on February 6 at 6:30 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Cindy Sullivan

Jetting Under the Full Moon

The moon was shining full as Jet Roberts called for the Capital City Squares. Dynamite! Thanks, Joel, for having the inspired idea of having him call for our Hoedown.

It was wonderful to see no less than three of the Sequoia Ocean Waves... the most northern of California's gay square dance clubs. Founders Mary Ann and Lynn, plus class member Robert made the long trek. We were delighted to see, among other veteran dancers that we knew at the event, El Camino Reeler Yvonne, Anna of the Western Star Dancers, and Mike and Richard of the Foggy City Dancers (and Joel, get your eyes back in your head!). And so many dancers that we hadn't seen in Sacramento before. There were at least 8 squares of basic, four of plus, and two of A–1. Thanks to all of you who showed up and made it swing.

As always at these events, the impossible occurs. We were amazed again and again as new dancers in the Capital City Squares did call after call that they have not yet been taught in class. Ferris Wheels, Circulates, etc. Although... Rory was said to have let out a wail of dismay when someone tried to turn under him in a Ferris Wheel flourish. It must have been the audible equivalent of Mel's facial expression when Jet called Switch to an Hourglass. Of course Anna had some facial contortions herself when she missed the first Advanced Tip. She'll surely catch up at Tinseltown this weekend, however. And after watching Charla tush push, we know why Tammy is always in such a good mood.

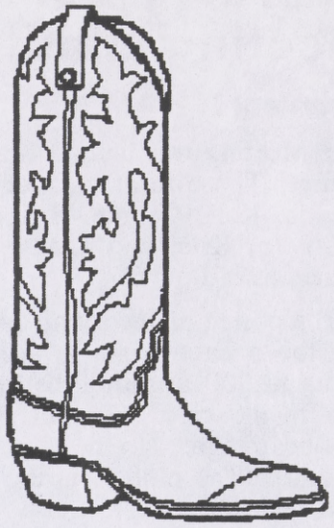
Jet really gets into his calling. I looked up a couple of times to see him with his eyes closed, rocking back and forth to the music and belting out his calls. Square dancing works when everyone immerses themselves in it. When everyone commits 100 percent of their attention and energy to it. Synergy! That's what Square Dancing is all about. When the group energy is right, your foot is tapping to the music, and everyone has a ready smile, it all works. Full moons never hurt, though.

Thanks to all who made it happen! All of the coordination for these events is not easy, and the board outdid themselves! I am embarrassingly ignorant of who did what, but I do know that George missed out on some good squares while selling 50 / 50 tickets. (He did get his reward ($45 or so), however, so maybe we shouldn't be too enthusiastic in our praise. I readily volunteered to sell 50 / 50 at the next event!!) Speaking of class (were we?), not only did Bev handle square dance widowhood gracefully, but she actually collected money at the door! But then, we always knew that Mary Jo had good taste.

And where did Dameon's lavender boots come from? (Actually, they were a regal purple.) My goodness, girl ... I am broke enough, thanks to square dancing, without having to have boots to match my every outfit. And we wouldn't want to forget David's disco ball earrings. Some divas never die. I needed my shades in that square. Jet assured us that it wasn't necessary for David to wear a garter, as he could figure out what part he was playing!

To next time at Fife's!

—Jeff & Dennis



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SOME SIGHTSEEING SUGGESTIONS FOR THE VANCOUVER CONVENTION

For those of you who haven't been to Vancouver B.C., you have a real treat in store. Vancouver is a great cosmopolitan city in a spectacularly beautiful setting. Despite the differences in climate and vegetation, many people see similarities to San Francisco. (A spacious natural harbor, important seaport, sea and mountain vistas, a mixture of cultures, a vibrant and bustling downtown, good pedestrian environment, fine restaurants, etc. etc.) Like compact San Francisco and unlike sprawling Los Angeles, it is very easy to get around without an auto available.

The Hotel Vancouver (Square Dance Headquarters) is in the heart of downtown, within easy walking distance of many attractions. Be sure to visit the Hudson's Bay Company Department Store only two short blocks away. A couple of blocks in the opposite direction is Robson Street, sometimes called "Robsonstrasse" because of all the German and other "foreign" restaurants and shops. Enjoy a walk down this street, listening to the numerous foreign languages being spoken--although to my

dismay on my last visit, the area is fast becoming "yuppyfied." You may want to look for the world's only steam-powered street clock in Gastown. Gastown is Vancouver's version of Old Sacramento. Adjacent to Gastown is Chinatown, where you will find many colorful shops and restaurants.

If you have a car, be sure to drive through Stanley Park, one of the world's great parks, right on the edge of downtown, with fantastic urban and saltwater views, and a mixture of developed landscape and lush forest. It is possible to walk from dense skyscrapers to dense forest in about ten minutes.

What a wonderful contrast! A stroll along the shore of English-Bay is also very pleasant. I would say that Stanley Park is to Vancouver what Golden Gate Park is to San Francisco. If you are without a car (or maybe even if you have one) you should consider using Vancouver's excellent public transportation system. You can purchase a "DayPass" for about $3 at any 7-11 store and some other locations, including from machines at Sky-Train stations or SeaBus terminals. The DayPass is not valid until 9:30 a.m. on weekdays; anytime on Saturday and Sunday. It is good for unlimited rides on busses, SkyTrain, and SeaBus. If you buy your ticket at a 7-11 store, you can do so in advance, and when you decide which day you want to use this type of DayPass ticket, you just "scratch off" the appropriate day like a lottery ticket. By all means ride the SkyTrain to New Westminster. (The line may be extended across the Fraser River to Scott Road in-Surry via a new high suspension bridge by the time you get there--the extension is scheduled to open in March--the view should be spectacular.)

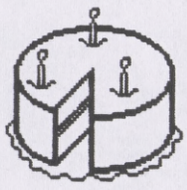
The nearest Ski Train station to the Hotel Vancouver is in the basement of the Hudson's Bay store. (SkyTrain in the basement? no, that was not a mis-print.) You will see some great vistas of the city and mountains, and get an idea of the layout of the city. The SkyTrain is Vancouver's version of Sacramento's Light Rail system, except that it is completely automated, is entirely grade separated (mostly elevated above ground) and thus much more expensive to build, and runs every three minutes, like a horizontal elevator! At the opposite end of the line from New Westminster, as the SkyTrain emerges from the tunnel under downtown Vancouver, it terminates at the SeaBus terminal. The SeaBus is a catamaran-type ferry which runs every 15 minutes across the harbour to North Vancouver. The 12-minute crossing provides outstanding views of the impressive skyline and surrounding snow-capped mountains, and when you arrive at the North Vancouver terminal you will enjoy browsing through the shops and enticing food stalls in the terminal building. It will also be difficult to resist pausing for a beer or a glass of wine on the terrace if it is a nice day.

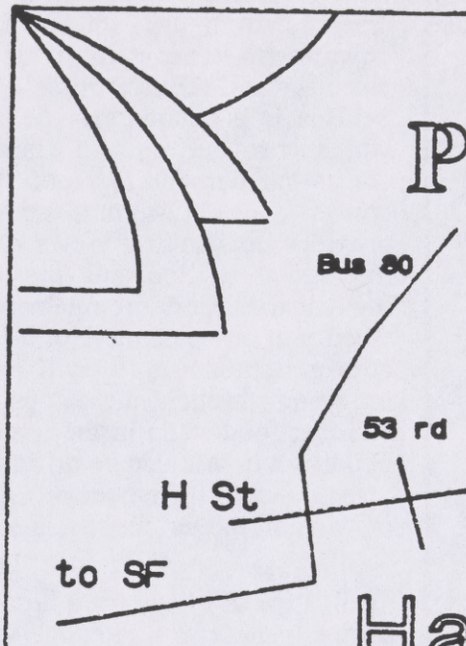
Well, I guess I have used up about as much space as I should. As before, if you have any questions, please ask.

— Bob Koski

February Birthdays

Tammy Coddington	February 15
Kris Corbridge	February 27





Prime 8's





PRESENT

Harlan Kerr

A1/Intro to A2 Workshop 10:30 .. 1:00

A2 Workshop 2:30 .. 5:00

and

Plus Dance

With A1 and A2 Star Tips

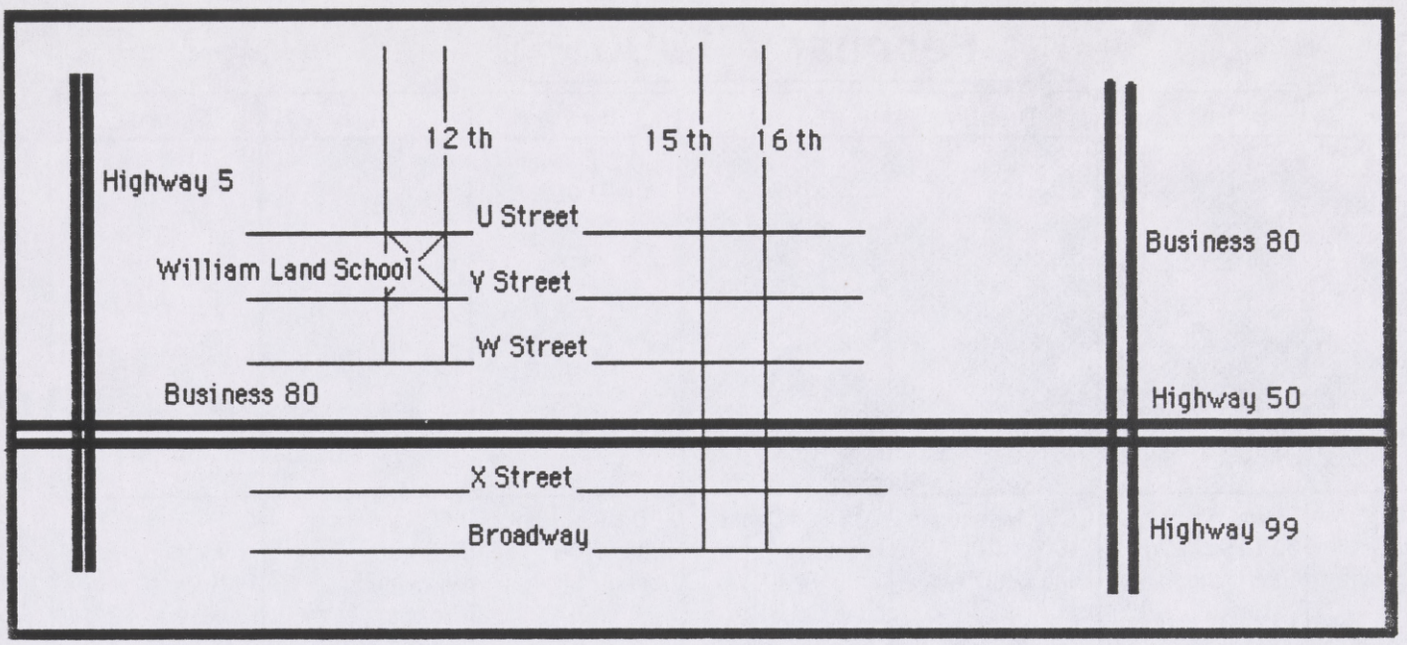
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